

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## **VIA FOIA ONLINE**

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Re: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request EPA-R2-2016-006190

Dear Mr. Rossman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") has received your FOIA request EPA-R2-2016-006190, modified by subsequent communication dated July 15, 2016, seeking certain documents relating to the LCP Chemicals, Inc. Superfund Site ("LCP Site").

EPA has identified responsive records and is partially approving your request as it relates to information in those records that is not exempt from disclosure under FOIA. EPA is providing such information by uploading it to FOIAonline. The responsive records include (i) information produced in response to other FOIA requests relating to the LCP Site, which can be located in the FOIAonline database, and (ii) the administrative record for the LCP Site, which is available at <a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/src/collection/02/AR62339">https://semspub.epa.gov/src/collection/02/AR62339</a>. EPA is partially denying your request and withholding certain responsive information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIA as set forth in the enclosed withholding log.

You may appeal this partial denial response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: <a href="https://hq.foia@epa.gov">hq.foia@epa.gov</a>. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed, including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." See 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(j) for further information regarding appeals of adverse determinations under FOIA.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.107, EPA will transmit a bill for the costs incurred by EPA in searching our files, reproducing documents, and preparing our response to your FOIA request. You should receive the bill through FOIAonline, along with instructions for payment.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact my staff, Jonathan Gorin, at (212)-637-4361.

Sincerely

Walter Mugdan, Director

Emergency & Remedial Response Division

Enclosures

## INFORMATION WITHHELD FOIA REQUEST NO. EPA-R2-2016-006190

Doc ID	Doc Date/ Time	Title	Author Name	Addressee Name	Exemption	Number
181742	Undated	Recommendation of Priority Level for Further Action for LCP Chemicals, Inc. Superfund Site		LCP File	Explanation  Exemption 5: deliberative process/predecisional and deliberative	of Pages
	01/28/2013	Notes from meeting between EPA and representatives from Ashland/International Specialty Products, Inc./ISP Environmental Services, Inc.	Cardiello, Frank, Esq.	LCP File	Exemption 5: attorney work product; reflecting mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and/or legal theories	2
	04/24/2013	Notes from meeting between EPA and representatives from Ashland/International Specialty Products, Inc./ISP Environmental Services, Inc.	Cardiello, Frank, Esq.	LCP File	Exemption 5: attorney work product; reflecting mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and/or legal theories	3
	06/06/2013	Notes from meeting between EPA, representatives from Ashland/International Specialty Products, Inc./ISP Environmental Services, Inc., and representatives from the City of Linden	Cardiello, Frank, Esq.	LCP File	Exemption 5: attorney work product; reflecting mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and/or legal theories	3

178484	07/16/2014	Correspondence re: Pre-	Karlen, Delmar,	Schaaf, Eric,	Exemption 5: attorney-	17
		Referral Negotiation	Esq.; Cardiello,	Esq.; Mugdan,	client communications;	
		Report for the LCP	Frank, Esq.	Walter	attorney work product;	
		Chemicals, Inc. Superfund			reflecting mental	
		Site			impressions,	
					conclusions, opinions,	
					and/or legal theories	
318393	05/13/2015	Request for Issuance of a	Schaaf, Eric, Esq.	Mudgan, Walter	Exemption 5: attorney-	10
		Unilateral Administrative			client communications;	
		Order under Section 106 of			attorney work product;	
		CERCLA Relating to the			reflecting mental	
		LCP Chemicals, Inc.			impressions,	
		Superfund Site, Union			conclusions, opinions,	
		County, N.J.			and/or legal theories	
	05/19/2016	Notes from meeting	Mellott, Deborah,	LCP File	Exemption 5: attorney	1
		between EPA and	Esq.		work product; reflecting	
		representatives from	•		mental impressions,	
		Ashland/International			conclusions, opinions,	
		Specialty Products,			and/or legal theories	
		Inc./ISP Environmental				
		Services, Inc.				
	05/19/2016	Notes from meeting	Yacovone, Krista,	LCP File	Exemption 5: attorney	2
		between EPA and	Esq.		work product; reflecting	
		representatives from			mental impressions,	
		Ashland/International			conclusions, opinions,	
		Specialty Products,			and/or legal theories	
		Inc./ISP Environmental				
		Services, Inc.			(*)	
	05/31/2012	Email re: FS comments	Gorin, Jonathan	McNichol,	Exemption 6:	1
	9:55 AM			David;	information that would	
				McGowan,	invade another's privacy	
				Carrie	if disclosed (redacted)	

 07/26/2012	Attachment to email re:	McGowan, Carrie	Gorin, Jonathan;	Exemption 6:	1
6:47 PM	September LCP Meeting		Pavelka, Anne;	information that would	
			McNichol,	invade another's privacy	
			David	if disclosed (redacted)	
 08/23/2012	Attachment to email re:	McGowan, Carrie	Gorin, Jonathan;	Exemption 6:	1
1:47 PM	LCP meeting – Sept. 11		Pavelka, Anne;	information that would	
	2-		McNichol,	invade another's privacy	
			David	if disclosed (redacted)	
 12/12/2012	Email re: 10/11/12 LCP	McGowan, Carrie	Gorin, Jonathan	Exemption 6:	1
10:30 AM	RIR Response Document			information that would	
				invade another's privacy	
	-			if disclosed (redacted)	
 01/09/2013	Email re: Rogue Fiberglass	Gorin, Jonathan	Hoffman, John	Exemption 6:	1
9:41 AM	Tank at Tremley Point		M.; McGowan,	information that would	
	Terminal – Phillips 66		Carrie	invade another's privacy	
 - 11				if disclosed (redacted)	
 01/16/2013	Email re: Rogue Fiberglass	McGowan, Carrie	Kaminski, Mark;	Exemption 6:	1
12:47 PM	Tank at Tremley Point		Martin, Jason;	information that would	
	Terminal		Gorin, Jonathan;	invade another's privacy	
			Hoffman, John	if disclosed (redacted)	
			M.		
 01/28/2013	Email re: Agenda for	Cardiello, Frank,	Toft, Dennis M.,	Exemption 6:	1
8:03 AM	Monday	Esq.	Esq.	information that would	
				invade another's privacy	
				if disclosed (redacted)	
 08/15/2013	Email re: FS	Gorin, Jonathan	Hoffman, John	Exemption 6:	1
11:27 AM			M.; McGowan,	information that would	
			Carrie; Keating,	invade another's privacy	
			Robert; Loney,	if disclosed (redacted)	
			Natalie		

	08/15/2013 4:00 PM	Email re: FS	Gorin, Jonathan	Hoffman, John M.; McGowan, Carrie	Exemption 6: information that would invade another's privacy if disclosed (redacted)	1
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-	11/18/2013 9:35 AM	Email re: Site visit	Gorin, Jonathan	Hoffman, John M.; McGowan, Carrie	Exemption 6: information that would invade another's privacy if disclosed (redacted)	1
	04/17/2014 5:24 PM	Email re: Meeting on LCP post ROD	Gorin, Jonathan	Hoffman, John M.; McGowan, Carrie; DiPippo, Gary	Exemption 6: information that would invade another's privacy if disclosed (redacted)	1
	01/16/2015 2:16 PM	Email re: Major water leak on LCP	Gorin, Jonathan	DiPippo, Gary; Hoffman, John M.	Exemption 6: information that would invade another's privacy if disclosed (redacted)	1
	01/16/2015 8:32 AM	Email re: Major water leak on LCP	Hoffman, John M.	Gorin, Jonathan	Exemption 6: information that would invade another's privacy if disclosed (redacted)	1